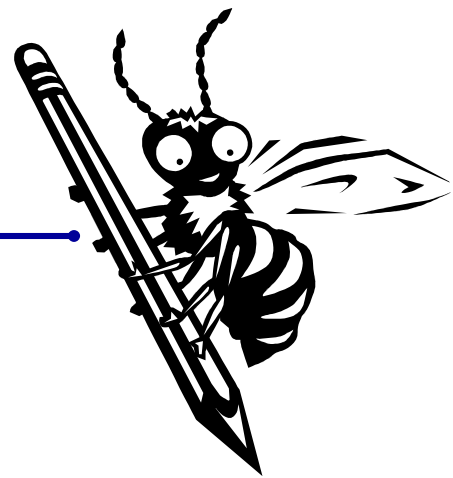


Youth Services Notes



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Best Websites for Teaching and Learning: Top 25

The "Top 25" Websites foster the qualities of innovation, creativity, active participation, and collaboration. They are free, Web-based sites that are user friendly and encourage a community of learners to explore and discover.

Media Sharing

Glogster (<http://edu.glogster.com/>)

Remember the old the poster board presentations? Well, they are now digital, motivating and very visually exciting. Use these digital posters to create a book review, an interactive front page for a wiki, an innovative topic exploration or any other demonstration of learning using video, graphics, text, etc.

Masher (<http://www.masher.com/>)

Are you a little hesitant to create videos? Masher makes it's easy. You can "mix, mash, and share" video clips, audio files, and photos into polished movies. Students own content as well as media from the BBC Motion Gallery and Rip Curl free for the mashing, and can then be shared on social media sites or via email.

Prezi (<http://prezi.com/>)

Getting tired of the old linear PowerPoint presentations? Then switch to Prezi and start to create fantastic, brain-friendly presentations. Use the "zebra wheel" to customize, non-linear creative presentations that can kept for online access or downloaded for personal or professional use. Include pictures, videos, and more. Free presentations for anyone and extended options for teachers and those in Education.

Professor Garfield (http://www.professorgarfield.com/pgf_Intro.html)

Are you looking to engage kids in a safe online setting and provide 21st century learning opportunities? Professor Garfield provides an environment where children can safely create, interact, read, engage, and express themselves through a variety of innovative online tools including an e-book reader and comics lab.

SchoolTube (<http://www.schooltube.com/>)

This is the ideal place for teachers and students to share videos online. Create your own channel for your school or share videos with other students and educators. Instructions on how to load, create, and compress videos as well as how to create video contests and TV shows for your school. It's all here in SchoolTube.

Scratch (<http://scratch.mit.edu/>)

Targeted to 8- to 16-year olds, Scratch allows students to create and share projects, presentations, stories and best of all – videos games! The emphasis is on multi-media and includes graphics, sound, music, and photos. Supported by National Science Foundation research, Scratch encourages creativity, problem-solving, and collaboration.

Points of Interest

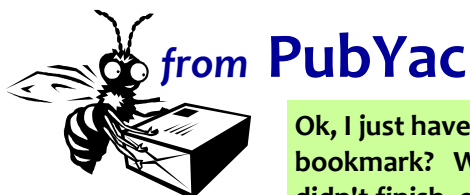
If you have pictures of your library displays, programs or first day event for the summer reading program, could you please send Enid a copy?

Also, we would like 92 copies of your summer reading program brochure. One will be kept on file at the Library of Virginia and the rest will be given to the other libraries at the September Directors Meeting. Thanks!

Mem Fox
will be in Richmond
September 29, 2010.
See page 4!

Paranita
will be out of the office
July 26 -30

Enid
will be out of the office
July 28-August 3



Unusual Bookmarks

Ok, I just have to ask - what was the most unusual thing you've found stuffed in a book as a bookmark? We just came across a copy of a Percy Jackson book that someone probably didn't finish, or liked a certain page near the end, because they left their bookmark in it. We can only imagine that, lacking any piece of paper and REALLY needing to mark their page, they ripped the tag out of their Fruit of the Loom shorts (Navy - Size Small) and tucked it into the book!>

Chris Mallo

Money, money, money... Money!!

Not that unusual, but I recently found two birthday cards in a book I put on hold for myself. One of the cards had a 20 dollar bill in it. I felt bad for the person who lost their birthday money, but there was no way to trace it back to them so I kept it. (Will)

Well, that certainly qualifies as unusual! The only unusual thing I've ever found is a dollar bill (which is definitely more fun to find than a clothing tag). (Samantha)

Money isn't unusual, but it sure surprised me when I pulled a picture book off the shelf and about \$20 in small bills fell out! (Susan)



Believe or not, I found one student who used a \$20 bill as a bookmark & left it in the book! (Ellen)

Although it's not technically "unusual," I found a twenty dollar bill in a book once. We looked up the last borrower, and called to let her know that if she didn't come in or call within two days, we would consider it a very generous donation to our branch's Friends group. Her mom called and told us to give it to the Friends; she wanted to teach her daughter a lesson about responsibility. (Carolyn)

My Bookmark has a first name....

One of our circulation staff found a slice of bologna in a book apparently being used as a book mark. (Shawna)

How many licks does it take to get to the center of a bookmark? Unfortunately, lollipop sticks, slightly sticky, seem to be the bookmark of choice for a number of our customers! (Paula)

The other white meat...

We found a sausage patty in one book. Can you picture it...stopping at Mickey D's for a breakfast sandwich and needing a bookmark all the sudden? "Wow...so glad I got this sausage biscuit! That'll come in handy!" (Courtney)

It wasn't me that found this, but I heard of someone finding a piece of bacon. (Molly)

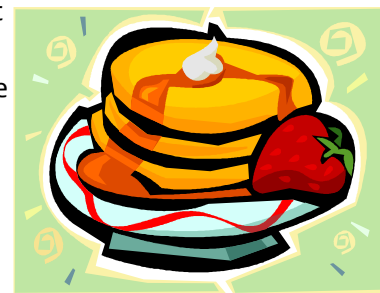
We've found many odd things over the years, but haven't topped what we found last summer: a piece of bacon (cooked, thankfully!!!). (Bethany)

A clean brain and smart mouth – no, wait... More than once we've had a patron leave their dental floss stick in returned books. (Linda)

We did find a pancake in a picture book recently, not sure if it was meant to be a bookmark. But we did find it on National Pancake Day... (Marybeth)

Everything and the kitchen sink...

Band Aids, Kleenex (unused, thankfully), toilet paper (ditto), yarn (that just may be me I'm a knitter and often mark pages with stray bits of yarn that are on the table), a bangle bracelet (all I can think for this one is that we have many Indian patrons who wear a whole row of bangles at a time so she just slipped one off in a hurry) and a leaf. (Julie)



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Upcoming Training

Early Literacy and Books Making Connections

Taught by **Saroj Ghoting**

Class is limited 25 people. Cost \$25.00.

This four-week online course is a basic introduction to the six early literacy skills as set forth in the Every Child Ready to Read @ Your library Initiative from the Public Library Association and the Association for Library Service to Children of the American Library Association.

Required reading "Ages and Stages" by Karen Miller will be provided.

Participants will also be required to read "Bunny Fun" by Sarah Week .

A prerequisite to Early Literacy and Books Making Connections is "Introduction to Moodle" An free online course. Introduction to Moodle will be offered beginning August 23 and must be completed by September 15. Anyone signed up for Early Literacy and Books will automatically be signed up for Introduction to Moodle. Please contact Enid Costley directly at enid.costley@lva.virginia for more information on the course.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Taught by **Mother Goose on the Loose LLC**

Held at the Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219

Class is limited to 40 people.

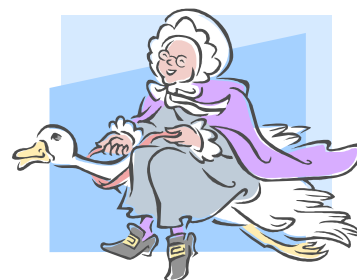
This workshop spans two days in September — Wednesday, September 29 and Thursday, September 30.

The workshop begins at noon on September 29 and concludes at 4:00 p.m. on September 30.

Mem Fox will be making a presentation on September 29 (See page 4)

Explore scientific findings regarding child development, experience a hands-on Mother Goose on the Loose session, and learn how to easily plan and present your own program!

- **Understand** the applied research on childhood brain development
- **Master** the structure formula and principles of Mother Goose on the Loose
- **Learn** how to create high-quality early literacy programs
- **Acquire** techniques for engaging infants and toddlers
- **Discover** new ways to educate and involve parents and caregivers
- **Interact** with colleagues to share knowledge and ideas



The Inclusive Mother Goose on the Loose offered on September 30 at 1:00-4:00 p.m.

See how to adapt the Mother Goose on the Loose program for children with special needs

- **Understand** how to adapt the structure, formula and principles of Mother Goose on the Loose for children with special needs.
- **Master** techniques developed to engage children with special needs
- **Explore** and share new ideas with colleagues
- **Develop** methods to create your own inclusive program for children
- **Experience** a Mother Goose on the Loose program that can be customized for your own special needs community.

To Register for a workshop, please go to <http://host5.evanced.info/lva/evanced/eventcalendar.asp> or <http://www.vpl.lib.va.us/> and click on calendar of events and the date of the program.

Complete the online form.

If you have any questions, please contact Enid Costley at enid.costley@lva.virginia.gov or 804. 692.3765

Unusual Bookmarks

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Family photos, airline tickets, bills, paystubs....

Food items such as an empty bag of chips. The worst was a banana peel. (Marjorie)

I personally use ticket stubs from anything, sporting events, movies, etc. That can get pretty interesting when you're reading a perfectly normal children's book like 11 Birthdays and you're marking a page with a stub from The Hangover.

I've also used pictures or postcards in a pinch. I've found several library books returned with family pictures left in the pages. Then there was the time we found a \$5 bill in pages. I think it was most likely for fines, but maybe some people really have enough money lying around to use it as bookmarks. (Tiffany)

Years ago, at my previous job we found a book with a slice of salami in it. I've also seen strands of hair and straw wrappers. (Peg)

Really?!?

You asked....an (thankfully) unused panty liner. This was for a college university library. I think I would rather find a Fruit of the Loom tag any day! (Laura)

condom (unused, in wrapper), used Q-tip, toilet paper. The latter prompted an entire discussion about reading in the bathroom in general, which I won't go into. (Ami)

TOILET PAPER always gives me the 'e-e-u-u-wwsssss'!!! ; p (Marcia)

a used panty liner... (Nadine)

When working as a circulation clerk, I found a used (ear-waxy) q-tip stuck in the middle of a computer programming book. It left lovely yellow, waxy stains on the pages. (Cecily)

I am the teen services coordinator at my library. But I have my sister work for a while as a student worker when she was in high school. Basically she shelved all the books. She came home one day and told me she found a half eaten ham sandwich in one of the books in the Juvenile Fiction section. It was old and the mayo had turned the bread clear from the oils. It was not in a ziploc or paper towel it was just hanging out in the book. Needless to say, we had to withdraw the book. (Amanda)



Yikes!!!!

Here is a scary one- in a children's book- a razor blade. I know the mom is a big crafter/artist, but I was shocked! (Erin)

Other places to go to check this stuff out:

Lol, u need to follow forgotten bookmarks on Twitter. This guy owns a used bookstore and has lots of interesting ones! (Lisa) <http://www.forgottenbookmarks.com/>

Have you come across this SLJ article? (John)

<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/slj/home/885842-312/>

new_hampshire_library_uncovers_thousands.html.csp

MEM FOX — INTERNATIONAL READING AND READ-ALoud EXPERT

will be presenting two workshops on Wednesday, September 29, 2010

at the Renaissance Conference Center, 107 W. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23220

Mem is a fabulous speaker with a serious message about the power and magic of parents and others reading aloud and sharing their love of books with children. Come join the fun and learn why reading aloud to children will change their lives forever! The first workshop, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, does not provide parking.

The 6:00 - 8:00 pm session will assure parking.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, Reservations required, e-mail: readaloudva@comcast.net

For more information, Call Joanie Bache, Exec. Program Dir. of Read Aloud Virginia at 804-627-2847

Best Websites for Teaching and Learning *(Continued from Page 1)*

WatchKnow.org (<http://www.watchknow.org/>)

Don't let your students' videos languish on your computer's hard drive. WatchKnow is a free and easily accessible way to share educational videos with students and staff. Organized for easy searching, you can even search by age, and has the ability for you to download your own videos to share with others.

Digital Storytelling

International Children's Digital Library (<http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>)

The largest digital collections of children's book, ICDL contains over 4,400 books in 54 languages representing 64 countries with applications for the iPhone and the new larger screen, iPad.

Jing (<http://www.jingproject.com/>)

Do you need to quickly snap a picture of your screen or record a video of an onscreen action? Jing is the solution; it's free software that adds visuals to your online conversations. Include it in an email, Website, or IM.

Storybird <http://storybird.com/>

Do your students like to tell stories? Storybird will help them to create short, visual stories. You can save them, share them and (soon) print them. Use Storybird's beautiful watercolor illustrations to tell your story.



Manage and Organize

Evernote (<http://www.evernote.com/>)

Tired of trying to keep track or find your various notes on taken throughout the day and want to be able to organize your thoughts from a variety of sources? Evernote will do this and you can access it from anywhere, even your iPhone.

Jogtheweb (<http://www.jogtheweb.com/>)

Do you want an easy and innovative way to guide students through the Internet? jogtheweb is a web-based tool that allows anyone to create a synchronous guide to a series of Websites. Its step-by-step approach of taking viewers through Websites allowing the author to annotate and ask guiding questions for each page is unique. Give it a try and start creating your own jogs.

Live Binders (<http://livebinders.com/>)

This fun and easy-to-use site makes it easy to organize and share sources. Teachers can use it as a presentation tool, plan an interactive lesson, or engage with students on the research process.

MuseumBox (<http://museumbox.e2bn.org/>)

This site allows students to place items into virtual boxes; these items can include images, video, text, and sound. MuseumBox can be used across the curriculum and can help students to describe a person, place, thing, event, idea, or issue. The site facilitates description, debate, investigation, and exploration and development of ideas and issues.

Pageflakes (<http://www.pageflakes.com/>)

Create your own personalized homepage with Pageflakes. You can include all of your favorite internet sites and arrange them as you wish on your page. The "flakes" - small versions of the web pages you prefer - could include sites that focus on a specific hobby or interest, a particular subject area, a classroom study topic or current events.

Weblist (<http://weblist.me/>)

Weblist is a great way to gather and organize content based on a theme with the added feature of one URL. Your weblist can then be shared through social media networks or posted on a blog or Website. No time to make your own list, then search their playlist for subjects from music to science and everything in between.

Social Networking and Communication

Creative Commons (<http://creativecommons.org/>)

Teach students and colleagues to collaborate as integral partners in the digital evolution as they discover and share content to use, re-purpose and remix with Creative Commons. Here you will find all the resources needed to learn appropriate use of Creative Commons licensing for written, graphic and multimedia content.

Best Websites for Teaching and Learning *(Continued from Page 5)*

Learn Central (<http://www.learncentral.org/>)

Connect with Steve Hargadon and an ever-growing number of educators on Learn Central, the social network for professional development that is ready when you are. Join free webinars and discussions in real time or participate with members asynchronously. Host a group of up to three participants for free. Develop networks with colleagues across town or around the world. Lifelong learning is just a few clicks away!

TED (<http://www.ted.com/>)

TED is a remarkable Website sharing ideas from the world's most innovative thinkers and experts related to technology, entertainment, design, business, science, and global issues. Watch, listen to, learn, discuss and spread TED.

Content Collaboration

debategraph (<http://debategraph.org/>)

Seeking diverse perspectives, interpretations or new understandings of topics and issues impacting our world? Join debategraph, a browser based, wiki-style site, where students can synthesize, evaluate, expand, collaborate, contribute and substantiate their own thoughts and ideas to both sides of the issues. Debategraph utilizes visual depiction to deepen and enrich student understanding for a continuous and robust debate.



Curriculum Sharing

Exploratree (<http://www.exploratree.org.uk/>)

Create "thinking guides" using Exploratree's endless options. You can fill in the guides online or print them out for student use--both options offer the option to save your work for future use. Thinking guides are divided into five broad categories for use by educators and students: map your ideas, solve problems, explore, analyse (they're British!), and different perspectives.

The Jason Project (<http://www.jason.org/public/whatis/start.aspx>)

Are you looking for a way to connect your students with great explorers and great events in Science? You do not have to look any further than The Jason Project! Their free online curriculum is designed primarily for the middle grades but can be adapted to fit any grade level.

National Science Digital Library (<http://nsdl.org/>)

The National Science Digital Library includes a variety of educational resources to further STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education. Browse the science literacy maps, short science refreshers, free multimedia downloads, or subject area collections to find just what you need to enhance student learning!

Content Resources: Lesson Plans and More

Edsiteement (<http://edsitement.neh.gov/>)

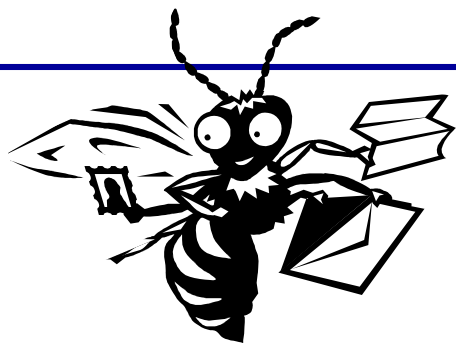
Check out this site for great educational material -suggested Websites and lesson plans - in literature/language arts, art/culture, social studies/history and foreign language.

The National Archives' Digital Classroom (<http://www.archives.gov/education/>)

The National Archives' Digital Classroom offers a multitude of resources for the use of primary sources in the classroom. With access to copies of primary documents from the holdings of the National Archives of the United States, teachers can develop their own activities and lesson plans that make historical periods come alive for their students or choose from dozens of resources that have already been developed and are featured here.

Source: American Association for School Librarians website at

www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/guidelinesandstandards/bestlist/bestwebsitestop25.cfm



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Upcoming!

Williamsburg Regional Library is hosting
A SHIVERY NIGHT THAT LINGERS
on **Friday August 13** at 7:00 pm in the Williamsburg
Library Theatre.

Featured speaker is **Maggie Stiefvater**, author of
SHIVER and LINGER which comes out
next week. It's free and should be
fun.

For more information, please contact
Noreen Bernstein,
Williamsburg Regional Library
757-259-4054



Children see, touch, and learn about beach creatures at Main Street

An audience of 120 sat with jaws agape and eyes wide open as they were introduced to whelk, diamond back terrapin, a sea star and an assortment of crabs on July 20 at Main Street Library. The Beach Creatures program was free and open to the public as part of the Newport News Public Library System's Summer Reading Program.

Virginia Aquarium Outreach Coordinator Courtney Obland set up a makeshift set of touch tanks in the children's section of the Library and captivated the audience with fun facts and stories about the animals she brought with her. The children had the opportunity to learn the difference between invertebrate and vertebrate animals, why dolphins prefer to give birth in the Chesapeake Bay, and what kinds of creatures live in shells and why.

"It was great seeing a crab, and a turtle; I enjoyed it," said Peta Martinez, age 5.

Obland brought a large conch shell with her, as well as a small conch-like shell to demonstrate the difference between those found in the Caribbean and those found in the Hampton Roads area. Inside the smaller shell dwelled the whelk, a sea snail native to the area.

A horseshoe crab, spider crab, and hermit crab also were available to see, learn about, and touch. The children were taught how to spot a male or female of each species, where they live, and what kind of life they have. A sea star, or starfish, made the show as well.



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